Gender-equality in • R&D

• Procurement



Stockholms läns landsting Stockholm County Council About 1,2 billion SEK (approx 120 million EURO) is annually distributed for R&D by SCC.

Stockholm County Council is the first county council in Sweden to lay down specific conditions relating to gender equality and the gender perspective within the field of research and development. Stockholm County Council (SCC) has adopted a general policy to promote gender equality from both an employee and citizen perspective, but is also promoting this perspective with particular emphasis in two areas: medical research and public procurement.

Research and development (R&D)

A precondition of gender-equal care is for the research on which the care is based to have been conducted on equal terms on both the female and male body from both a biological and a gender perspective. For this reason, Stockholm County Council has adopted EU guidelines pertaining to how research funding shall be allocated and has incorporated gender equality and gender perspective in SCC guidelines on the division of the research funds.

"The parties shall endeavour to incorporate a clear gender perspective into all research, education/training and development work and to integrate gender equality aspects into all decisions taken." Stockholm County Council's regional ALF agreements (agreements on doctors' education and research). June 2003

During 2005, for the first time ever, women researchers were given funding according to the relation of women applying to the total number of applicants.

Also, the gender perspective was integrated in the applications eg in the formulation of the hypothesis, presentation of preliminary findings and in the discussions.

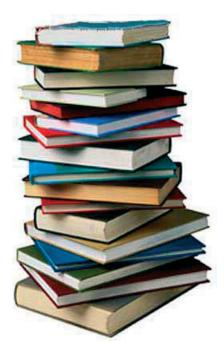
Public procurement

Procurement represents the power of the consumer over the supply. Stockholm County Council procures products and services to a value of SEK 30 milliards (approximately EURO 3 milliards) every year. The gender equality project therefore sees the potential for the enormous influence that SCC is capable of exerting by choosing products and services that promote rather than counteract gender equality and fair and just terms between women and men.

"Products and services shall be procured in the healthcare and transport sectors as well as in other areas based on a gender equality perspective."

"SCC shall make demands that promote gender equality when procuring products and services."

Work is in progress on integration of anti-discrimination *clauses* into procurement.



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